

QUA - RAE

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The advent of cooler weather and the falling of the leaves will also see increased activity in amateur radio. The number of examinees will increase sharply at the Villa Maria site and the passing rate will be on the downswing which indicates that during the summer months there are just too many other projects to occupy ones mind.

The number of antenna projects also increase with the coming of fall weather in an effort to beat the snow and here again how many of us find ourselves putting up an antenna during the snow days. October just around the corner means PA QSO PARTY and this year we are in hopes of much increased operating time by every member of the club and many of the friends of the RAE who submit their score in the name of the club. As in the past Chris Robson KB3A will make every effort to get the troops out and operating and lets not let him down. After all its for the club and you are the club. The date is the weekend of October 11th. So please circle your calendar.

A good point to remember is that when you operate CW you have a score advantage and it's a good way to hone your CW skills.

The UE-FCC exams have now been scheduled through December for the first Saturday of the month at Villa Maria College and a very active UE team is looking forward to very large turnouts.

On the sick list as of this writing we find Bill Simpson WA3ZOF is a patient at Hamot Medical Center after having suffered a heart attack and John Turik KN3M of Meadville suffered a stroke and is a patient at Meadville Medical Center (Liberty Street) and reports on both Bill and John are sounding good.

Next RAE meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd at 8 PM. The site is the new Red Cross chapter house at 4961 Pittsburgh Ave.

73's
Frank W3NR

Education Update

Dick Engel, KA3KFO, announces that the fall session of classes leading to Novice, Technician, and General class licenses will begin on October 8th, 1986 at Tech Memorial High School in Erie at 7:00 PM. The sessions will last about 10 weeks and upgrading sessions for Advanced and Extra tickets will also be offered if interest exists. If you are interested call Jud Andrews at 833-1873 to reserve your place.

Dick says there is still a need for instructors and group Elmers for some classes. Keep our hobby vital by helping to bring in new blood! Contribute your knowledge and experience. Call Dick at 476-7706.

Phone Patches



When using the W3GU phone patch some users are not using it properly. To use it proceed as follows:

ID and state that you are requesting the patch, then unkey and let the carrier drop. This will give the control operator time to listen. Then punch in your auto patch or auto dial number. After the computer reads back your number key up, give your call, and unkey. This will put your call on tape.

A lot of controversy is involved with auto patches. We hope that recording the patches will not only protect the W3GU trustee and control operator but it may well resolve any controversy regarding the nature of your patches.

When you are done with your patch state that you are clear of the patch and give your call again. It is OK at this time to state who your third party traffic was with if you so desire. THEN dump the patch.

Protect yourself ■
Protect your club ■

KC3UD
Fred



meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 4th, 1986 at 8:00 PM. Roll call of officers and board members showed KJ3L, KA3PCN, WB3BHY, and WA3HJC as not present.

The minutes of the August 1986 meeting were approved as printed in the QUA-RAE. A brief financial report was read. There was no Board of Director's report. Frank W3NR reported the next UE exam will be held on Saturday, Sept 6th. Barb, KA3JTD, reported that St Vincent Hospital donated \$100 to the RAE for public service. A motion by KA3JTD and seconded by KA3PMW that the RAE assist St Vincent's with the quad 10K on September 13th was passed by oral vote.

Fred, KC3UD, made a motion that the RAE spend \$1200 on repeater improvements mostly for 01/61 to include 1/2 inch heliax feedline. The motion was seconded by K3TJM and passed by oral vote.

The following committee reports were given:

- EDUCATION Dick, KA3KFQ, reported that classes will be held for all amateur grades this fall. Dick still needs volunteers as instructors and substitute instructors.
- NIAGARA Dave, KA3PMW, reminds us that the station on the Niagara still has two or three time slots open for operators. Anyone interested in operating call Dave.
- CONTEST Chris, KB3A, urges everyone to participate this year. It's fun and easy. You should have no reason not to operate this year. Dates are October 11 and 12.

OLD BUSINESS

Many thanks to Dave, KA3PMW for a successful picnic this year. A motion by KC3UD that the RAE sell it's old generator pending approval by the board was seconded by K23C and carried by oral vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The 22/82 output was increased by 16db thanks to KB3BL. The membership heard the second reading of an addition to the by-laws by KC3UD. This change creates a family membership and a student rate membership.

There being no other old or new business, the meeting was closed at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin McKenna, WB3KKT

Officer's & Board

Pres. - Frank Grace W3NR
U.Pres. - Dick Engel KA3KFQ
Sec. - Kevin McKenna WB3KKT
Tres. - Bob Schwimmer N3FAW

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Spinks	KJ3L
Bob Beck	WB3BHY
Fred Barnes	KC3UD
Lee Robinson	WA3HJC
Chet Kanis	KE3P
Jim Ferguson	K23C
Jack Johnston	K3TJM

As promised last month I will keep you up-to-date on directory changes so you will always have the latest info. In that vein make the following changes:

- 1) Change K3PCI, W3AGD, W3CRU, and WA3ZUT to SK's.
- 2) Change the address of David and Mary Nies to 2628 Poplar St. 16508
- 3) Change the address of Scott Nemeschy to 2673 Chestnut St.
- 4) Change Kevin McKenna's phone number to 825-5919. Add Bob Schwimmer's phone number. It is 866-3027. Change Bill Klemm's to unlisted.



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Frank, W3NR, is acting as the liaison for the radio estate and you may contact Dianne McGuire at 833-3120 during the day or 474-5504 during the evening.

Also available
Heath UTUM 1M-13
Lafayette Tube Tester Model 38002